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Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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Friday, February 15, 2019

IMPORTANT STUDENT AND TEACHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to our DECA Chapter! Markville students won 152 medals, 40 plaques, and 43 of our students have qualified to go on to the international competition! This made Markville the #1 team across York Region District School Board. Thank you to our teacher advisors, Mr. Whiler, Mr. Rao, Ms. Cheung, Ms. Man, Ms. Benjamin, and Ms. Obadia who have coached, supervised, and inspired our participants.



The Science Teachers' Association of Ontario has recognized one of our teachers, Ms. Keyzers, with the Merit Award. This honour is given to recognize a member's leadership and excellence in the teaching of science. We are very proud of Ms. Keyzers' accomplishments and are thrilled to share this news with the Markville community.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

TVO – MATHIFY

TVO – Mathify offers free 1:1 online Math tutoring for students in Grades 7-10 every Sunday to Thursday from 5:30pm – 9:30 pm. There are voice and text chat options, interactive whiteboards, and can be accessed from your phone, tablet, or computer. [Click here](#) to learn more, or [here](#) to login!



Here is what a Grade 10 student from TDSB has shared:
"My tutor was amazing! He helped me out and showed me different methods on how to do my work and even told me when he noticed what my strong and weak points were and how to deal with them."

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

In an effort to support our students and families in Mental Wellness, please [click here](#) to access an informational document outlining various signs, strategies, and community Mental Health resources. Of course, please always feel free to connect with a Caring Adult at MSS for support, as wellness in ourselves and our loved ones 'takes a village.' This document is also available on our school website under [News & Events](#) .

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

REPORT CARDS

Report cards for Semester 1 were distributed this week. If your child has not picked theirs up yet, please have them check in at the main office.

York Region Public Health will be hosting an immunization clinic on Tuesday, February 26th at Markville SS for those students who have received a letter from them. Students who are due for an immunization can receive the required vaccines and have their immunization record updated. If your child has already received their vaccinations through their family doctor, you must still submit their updated immunization record to York Region Public Health:

- Online at <https://eimmunization.york.ca>
- Fax documents to 1-866-258-2026
- Call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456

OPEN FORUM: YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Open Forum – Youth Mental Health And Wellness series is a Monthly Interactive And Professionally Facilitated Presentation And Discussion Group on topical issues for parents, families and youth concerning Youth Mental Health and Wellness sponsored by Stouffville United Church: Creating Community For All.

February's Topic is "DEALING WITH ANXIETY" on Tuesday, FEBRUARY 19TH starting at 7pm at Hummingbird Hub (6331 Main Street, Stouffville).

Registration is required. Registration Fee is \$10 adult and \$5 for students, please [click here](#) to register. Registration permitted at the door, subject to availability. For information please email: creatingcommunityforall@stouffvilleuc.ca

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The York Region District School Board (YRDSB) will declare an inclement weather day when it is unsafe for school buses to operate. When an inclement weather day has been declared, it applies to all YRDSB schools. Schools will remain open, however, any assessments, tests, quizzes, or assignments will be postponed. Please check our [twitter feed](#), the [YRDSB twitter feed](#), your local [news](#) and [radio](#) stations, or the [Student Transportation Services](#) website for information and updates about cancellations. If you choose to keep your child home on an inclement weather day, please call the school to let us know.

In very rare, emergency situations, YRDSB may have to close a school. This will be communicated through the same news organizations mentioned above. For more information, go to the [Inclement Weather](#) page on our website, found under the School Information tab. The policy is available in a variety of languages.

Hear from our **YOUTH SPEAKERS**, who will share their personal stories and how they were able to cope with mental health challenges, bullying and substance misuse

LEARN MEANINGFUL WAYS TO CREATE A **SAFE SPACE** FOR YOUTH TO TALK

Hear from **YORK REGIONAL POLICE** how we can protect youth from cyberbullying

SEE A PERFORMANCE BY **UNITY Charity**, FOCUSED ON IMPROVING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Visit **AGENCY BOOTHS** to access valuable information and resources

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"APPROXIMATELY 1 IN 5 CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN ONTARIO HAS FACED OR WILL FACE A MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE"

Canadian Mental Health Association Ontario (2019)



As a parent or caring adult, it is important that you know how to identify these challenges and help youth cope and face life's challenges with resilience and self-confidence

TWEET OF THE WEEK



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READ it because it is an inspiring memoir. ENJOY it because she is a powerful storyteller. LEARN from her because she is the first African American First Lady. #BlackHistoryMonth2019 #IAmBecoming

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS AT MARKVILLE SS

On Thursday, February 7th, students participated in Markville's first ever Lunar New Year Celebrations. A committee of ELL students planned and ran the event under the supervision of Ms. Mathura-Matos and Ms. Sheriff.

During third and fourth periods the traditional red envelopes, "laisee", were distributed to approximately 900 students in the cafeteria and atrium. Inside the envelopes were a chocolate coin, symbolic of the money that is typically given, as well as a hopeful New Year's message. The committee wanted to share some of their cultural traditions with the Markville community.

In addition to this, a variety show which took place after school was the main attraction of the day. In many Asian countries, it is typical to celebrate the New Year with a variety show, showcasing songs, dance, and comedy; and Markville's variety show was not short of either! Performances included solos, duets, and groups singing Chinese pop songs and ballads; instrumental performances on the piano, flute, and violin; a dance routine while simultaneously playing the violin; and an entertaining routine of burping and impressions.

A student and one of the organizers, Jerry Lu, commented that, "it was a lot of fun". He hopes the variety show becomes an annual celebration of Lunar New Year at Markville Secondary School.



Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, FEB 18 th	FAMILY DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OR STAFF				
TUESDAY, FEB 19 th	Curling League Game (1:45pm – 6:00pm) Senior Girls Volleyball (3:15pm – 6:00pm)				
WEDNESDAY, FEB 20 th	Kiwans Music Festival				
	Literacy Blitz #1 (11:05am – 12:20pm) University of Waterloo Canadian Computing Contest (12:00pm – 3:00pm)				
THURSDAY, FEB 21 st	Alpine Ski & Board Team (5:30am – 5:30pm)				
	York University Tri-Sci Tournament (8:00am – 4:00pm) Semi-Formal				
FRIDAY, FEB 22 nd	Relay for Life Training (8:30am – 2:30pm)				
	Junior Girls Volleyball (3:30pm – 5:30pm)				

Looking for Volunteer Opportunities? Come visit the Guidance Office, or check out these helpful links:



[Student Volunteer Opportunities](#)



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Lunch Time Tutoring – Library Learning Commons, Mondays and Wednesdays – Periods 3 and 4
After School Tutoring – Room 345, Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00pm – 4:00 pm

If you have any questions, please email your child's vice-principal: michael.vlachopoulos@yrdsb.ca for students with surnames A – LIM, or kathy.mcalpine@yrdsb.ca for students with surnames LIN– Z

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